

REMARKS

Examiner has maintained rejection of claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-15, 17-18 and 36-43. By the present amendment, Applicants now cancel all of those rejected claims, resulting in all of claims 1-19 and 36-43 being cancelled from the application. Because Examiner has indicated the only remaining claims (Claims 20-35) are all allowable without further amendment, Applicants request prompt notification of allowance of Claims 20-35.

Respectfully submitted,

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